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REDDING NEWS

New Store on Ridge—Lutgen's Palatial Home at Sunset Hill.

Redding, Feb. 18.—The store building on the Ridge which is owned by Hal Sanford has been leased by John Munnich of Brooklyn who intends to open it for a general merchandise business about April 1. He is going to build a new building for himself and family in connection with his new commercial undertaking. Mr. Munnich bargained with Dr. Anna M. Reid for the purchase of the former Shaw house now known as the Ridge Inn, and it is expected that the transaction will be completed within a few days by the passing of conveyance papers. The property has been made public but is said to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Mr. Munnich is brother-in-law of Harry Kennell of Sanfordtown and recently sold the real estate in Brooklyn which he owned preparatory to seeking a business opening elsewhere. Miss Rushton, proprietress of the Ridge Inn, will this summer have the use for hotel purposes of D. S. Sanford's house on the Ridge the same as during the past two seasons.

Next week will see the completion of the final details connected with the building of Commodore Lutgen's mansion on Sunset Hill. In size, costliness, lightness of location and the development of landscape adornments this place easily surpasses any other in town and next summer will rank as Redding's chief residential show place, a distinction formerly held by the Mark Twain Hotel. The Commodore places the outlay for the buildings and other improvements at considerably above \$100,000 but this is probably an exaggeration. There is good authority for the statement that the contract price for the buildings was somewhat less than \$50,000 although this by no means represents the total expenditure. The garage building with its square tower rising to a height of 50 feet from the center is an institution in itself, and the water supply plant, the electric light plant and the cascade fountain with its circular borders of alternate gravel walks and greenward are among the other notable features. The garage building is of about ten acres surrounded by a fence ten feet high and now tenanted by three deer.

Shortly past midnight last Sunday Louis Klein, of the firm of Greenbaum & Klein who are conducting the former Sullivan store, awoke in his room above the store and heard sounds which conveyed to him the impression that some one was working at a door by window to force an entrance. Taking his revolver he made his way to the front of the building by a side exit. It was raining and so dark that objects a few feet away could not be seen, but the noises continued and he located them at the front door. Taking aim in that direction he fired. The next instant some one scrambled off the stoop and as he struck the ground tumbled down, to judge by the sound. Mr. Klein fired again and a moment later heard some one running up the road. An examination of the double front door showed fresh marks evidently made by prying with a chisel or jimmy. A stout iron bar inside had kept the door from being forced. From the fact that the man uttered a groan as he fell Mr. Klein thought one of the bullets might have taken effect but a close inspection of the ground revealed no traces of blood.

It appears that the town treasurer and the town clerk were well situated on the second year of their present terms of office without having furnished bonds. The omission is the fault of last year's board of selectmen who in the event of any financial delinquency by the officials in question would have been liable for the shortage. Until the present board came in the treasurer and clerk were required to post bonds but kept the town funds with his personal bank account. The amount of his bond is \$10,000 and that of the town clerk \$500.

A high compliment is paid the Sanford School by Sara A. Burtall, an English writer, in her book "Impressions of American Education," published by Longmans, Green & Co. She is discussing the best type of schools for the training of the sons of wealthy men for services to the community and instances the Redding institution as an example with its elements of a farm and a cultivated home. A day's routine at the school is given in detail and she adds that one would like to have one's brothers there.

A suit for \$5,000 damages has been brought against the Danbury & Bethel Trolley Co. by Richard Emelle, who has been directing the Lutgen building operations. As Mr. Emelle is paying a car on the defendant's line several weeks ago he claims that he was struck and pushed off the steps by the conductor and in consequence fell and suffered a compound fracture of the ankle.

The contract for carrying the mail between the Ridge and West Redding for the next four years has been awarded to Ames Merritt of Danbury. His bid was slightly under \$500 per year and he enters upon his duties July 1.

The board of relief will hold further meetings on Saturday of this week and next Monday. So far about a dozen applicants for reductions have appeared. No cases will be decided until the last meeting day.

The tops and smaller trees on the 30

AMERICAN EARTHQUAKES

All Porto Rico Gets a Scare—Violent Shocks Felt in Alaska.

San Juan, P. R., Feb. 18.—A heavy earthquake shock was felt in every town in the island yesterday. It lasted thirty seconds, beginning shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The inhabitants were awakened and in many towns were thrown into panic. There was stormy weather both before and after the earthquake. There was only a small property loss. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 18.—Earthquake shocks of violent character were felt throughout Alaska Tuesday. The disturbance was noted at Skagway Lynn Canal at 7:30 a. m.

The vibrations were from west to east. A tidal wave was generated at Seward on the southwestern coast. Slight rumblings were heard at Fairbanks, the metropolis of the Tanana Valley, and at Ketchikan, in the southeastern section.

LODGE ROOM NOTES

Happenings in the lodge rooms last night.

S. OF B.
 Three new members were initiated into Naomi lodge, S. of B., and a visit was received from Mrs. G. M. Hollis, organizer of the Eastern Star. This lodge is already preparing to furnish its full quota towards the class initiation of 150 to be held by the four local lodges April 29.

N. E. O. P.
 One new member was initiated into Ida lodge, N. E. O. P. A number of applications are expected at the next meeting, since all the members were urged to bring in at least five new members apiece.

I. O. O. F.
 Adelphi lodge, I. O. O. F., worked the third degree on one candidate. Next week they will work the third, to be followed by a social session with refreshments.

S. OF ST. G.
 Magna Charta lodge, S. of St. G., discussed plans for the celebration of their twenty-fifth anniversary to be held on July 25, while it was also decided to hold a celebration on St. George's day, April 23.

F. & A. M.
 The Fellow Craft degree was worked on three candidates at the meeting of St. John's lodge, F. & A. M.

O. OF A.
 Morris Court, O. of A., balloted on two applications and initiated one new member.

K. OF P.
 Joseph Dowdall lodge, K. of P., will work the third rank tomorrow evening.

ONLY 32 RESCUED FROM WRECKED MINE

London, Feb. 18.—Rescue parties succeeded yesterday in penetrating to all but the lowest of the coal seams in the West Stanley mine, near Durham, where the disastrous explosion took place Tuesday, imprisoning about 150 miners.

They recovered thirty-two of the buried men alive. One of them has since died. Eight corpses were found. This leaves about 110 men still to be accounted for. It is now regarded as certain that all those not rescued are dead. The air in the mine cannot be breathed.

The exact number of victims is not known. The estimates vary from 100 to 150.

TO STOP PILFERING FARES BY CONDUCTORS

N. Y. N. H. & H. Causes Arrest of An Employee.

New York, Feb. 18.—In an effort to put a stop to the practice of pilfering fares by conductors, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company has invoked the aid of the interstate commerce commission, and caused the arrest yesterday of Charles R. Stocker, a conductor running between Boston and this city on a charge of violating Section 10 of the interstate commerce law which prohibits "unlawful discrimination in rates, fares or charges for the transportation of passengers or property."

Stocker, who was held in \$1,000 bail for examination on Friday, is charged with having discriminated against a special agent of the interstate commerce commission in that he exacted full fare from him and permitted two railroad detectives to travel at a reduced rate. The allegation is made that Stocker did not turn in to the company the amount collected from the two detectives, but this feature is entirely aside of the complaint, which only charges unlawful discrimination.

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COMEDY AT BURROUGH'S CHAPEL

Dramatic Society Will Offer "Men, Maids and Matchmakers." This Evening.

"Men, Maids and Matchmakers" will be presented by the Dramatic Society of St. John's church at the Burroughs Memorial chapel this evening. The play carries an interesting story and is full of amusing situations. It will give the players who are among the best amateurs in the city an opportunity to display their talents. The leading roles are taken by Miss Annie Eales and Albert Borg. Miss Eales and Miss Annie Walters are the directors and they have also designed the costumes. Others in the cast are Miss Elsie Grasse, Miss Helen Wagner, and Miss Annette Borg. Messrs. Arthur Millington, William Lundberg and William Seward. Miss Gertrude Pendleton, mistress of the wardrobe. Messrs. Frank Millington, Arthur French, Clarence Foot and Charles Bottomley property men. Messrs. Frank Armstrong, Ellis Lundberg, Albert Johnson, John Carlson and Harold Edwards, ushers.

The patroness is Mrs. Fred Atwater. Mrs. Edmund Bassick, Mrs. Edgar C. Bassick, Mrs. Charles M. Cole, Mrs. Charles Perry, Mrs. Jonathan Godfrey, Mrs. Charles C. Godfrey, Mrs. Edward Harrah, Mrs. Augustus May, Mrs. Franklin H. Miller, Mrs. Frederick Nichols, Mrs. Glover E. Sanford, Mrs. Hamilton S. Shelton, Mrs. Julian M. Tomlinson and Mrs. Fairchild Wheeler. Chester Hayden will lead the orchestra.

MAXIM GORKY WARNED TO LEAVE CAPRI DISTRICT

(Special from United Press.) Naples, Feb. 18.—The Naples police to-day notified Maxim Gorky, the famous Russian author and Revolutionist, that he was under arrest and was to be taken to the Capri District where he has been in exile for many months. Russia has not yet asked for the extradition of Gorky. Owing to the improved relations between Italy and Russia it is believed that Italy would honor any request for Gorky's extradition. In the hope of avoiding the necessity of having to get into such a position it is expected that Italy will make an effort to get Gorky out of the country.

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WORST IN YEARS IN LITCHFIELD.

Litchfield, Feb. 18.—Litchfield experienced one of the most destructive ice storms that has visited this section in years. The telegraph and telephone wires as well as the lines of the local electric light company were practically put out of use. The large peach orchard of the Fernwood Farm, is said to have been literally destroyed. Other trees were considerably damaged. As the trees are still heavily laden with ice, further damage may yet result.

HOLLIS-NICHOLS.

A very pretty home wedding took place last evening at 6 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Scallie, it being the marriage of their daughter, Eva M. Nichols, to William H. Hollis, the artist, who has made many friends in this city for his beautiful work. The decorations were pink and green, with palms in the center. The bride was attended by Miss Grace Mitchell, while the groom was attended by Mr. Joseph Turner of Camden, N. J.

The bride's gown was a princess champagne pongee silk, while the bridesmaid wore the same color in an empire gown. They were very beautiful with gloves and hat to match. The bride's going away gown was a London smoke with hat, shoes and gloves to match.

There were guests present from Boston, New York, Camden, N. J., South Norwalk, Fairfield, and a great many from this city. The couple received a great many handsome presents, including a desk and oil painting from the groom's mother and from the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis left on the 9:27 train amid a shower of confetti and flowers. They were accompanied by a host of friends to the depot.

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THEATRE AUDIENCE UNDISTURBED

A fire in the boiler room of the Y. M. C. A. shortly after 8 o'clock last night, brought the fire department out on a general alarm. The fire was located in the same spot where the members of No. 1 Chemical Co. found it for over an hour Tuesday afternoon—over the flue pipe of the hot water boiler.

The flue pipe, which was installed about a year ago, is placed so close to the floor timbers that it is a violation of the building laws. Chief Mooney of the fire department told Supt. Lacy of the Y. M. C. A. that there should be no more fire in the furnace until the location of the pipe is changed.

Samuel Kyed, engineer of the building, swallowed a good deal of smoke in trying to get to the seat of the fire, and was partially overcome.

The chemical tanks of No. 9 Engine Company and No. 1 Chemical engine were emptied in extinguishing the fire. Fortunately none of the noise of the passing fire engines was heard by the people in Smith's theatre, and although the fire was in the cellar of the adjoining building, none of the smoke found its way into the theatre.

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To-morrow night will be a record breaker for 10 attendances at the Schwaben-Benedict Society's grand masquerade ball at Eagles' hall. As members report selling many tickets and many out of town visitors and German societies will attend making it the largest German ball ever held in the city, the hall will be decorated in beautiful style with flags, streamers and bunting. The committee have made arrangements for everything engaging the whole building and on the wardrooms. The dance floor will be left for the great number of maskers to parade and enjoy themselves, the balcony free to spectators to watch them. The grand march will be at 10 p. m. sharp, after which a fancy drill will be given by floor committee in handsome costumes. See advertisement.



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1 Maple Princess Dresser \$35	Now \$20	1 3-piece Parlor Suit	Now \$85
1 Maple Dresser \$30	Now \$23	1 4-piece Mahogany Dining Suit \$146	Now \$110
1 Iron Folding Bed \$38	Now \$18	1 Mahogany Buffet \$40	Now \$30
1 Maple Dresser \$25	Now \$18.50	1 Oak Set Dining Chairs \$28.50	Now \$21
1 Brass Bed \$58	Now \$42	1 Oak Set Dining Chairs \$17.50	
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